

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received from the applicant on October 27, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19, 22 and 27-29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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### Reasons for Allowance

1. An amendment was received from the applicant on October 27, 2004.
2. Claims 20 and 22-26 have been canceled.
3. Claims 1-19, 21 and 27-29 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The air ventilation system for circulating air in a hull of a watercraft as claimed is not shown or suggested in the prior art because of the use of a system that is comprised of a first pipe having an intake port and an outlet port, said intake port of said first pipe being located on a first side of said watercraft, and a second pipe having an intake port and an outlet port, said intake port of said second pipe being located on said first side of said watercraft, where said outlet port of said first pipe is located on a second side of said watercraft, and said outlet port of said second pipe is located either on said first side or said second side of said watercraft.
5. The prior art as disclosed by Hattori et al. (US 5,664,515) shows the use of a watercraft that is comprised of a hull, a deck, a propulsion device, an engine, and an air ventilation system that is further comprised of a means for circulating air in the hull of said watercraft in the form of first and second pipes each having an intake port and an outlet port located in the bottom third of the hull of said watercraft, where said intake ports are located on opposite sides of said watercraft, and said pipes cross over each other to provide outlet ports on opposite sides of said watercraft from each of said pipes respective intake ports. However, none of the prior art cited shows or suggests the use

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of an air ventilation system for circulating air in a hull of a watercraft, said system being comprised of a first pipe having an intake port and an outlet port, said intake port of said first pipe being located on a first side of said watercraft, and a second pipe having an intake port and an outlet port, said intake port of said second pipe being located on said first side of said watercraft, where said outlet port of said first pipe is located on a second side of said watercraft, and said outlet port of said second pipe is located either on said first side or said second side of said watercraft.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Lars Olson whose telephone number is (703) 308-9807.

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